

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

AI-IV-017

0100331408

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: First Church of Christ, Scientist				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hoye House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 28 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: First Church of Christ, Scientist				
STREET AND NUMBER: 28 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		21502
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 167-510				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Located at 28 Washington Street in Cumberland, Allegany County, the building stands on the southerly side of the street, at the southeast corner of East Prospect Square, within the Washington Street Historic District.</p> <p>The building is a mid nineteenth century brick house that was extensively renovated in the early-mid twentieth century for use as a church. The building presently consists of a two and a half story rectangular block with a low hip roof and a classical columned portico on the principal facade (north side). The east, south, and west walls shows signs of extensive alterations - mostly closing up of openings - over the years. The principal facade was re-bricked when the structure was renovated. The bricks are laid in Common bond. A brick belt course circles the building several feet below the bracketed cornice. The foundation, probably stone, is covered with cement. The portico has six free-standing plain, round columns and a gable roof with a fanlight in the gable. The first floor has a series of rectangular shaped wooden sash windows along the south, east, and west sides and a double door entranceway with a large rectangular transom and two small rectangular windows the height of the transom on the principle facade. The second story has round top wooden sash windows, two on the west side and five along the back or south side.</p> <p>The back of the building is evident in a general view of Cumberland illustrated in <u>Art Work of Allegany County</u> (1897). In this picture, the house appears to be three stories high which the belt course seems to indicate. The back has a fairly symmetrical arrangement similar to the present second floor spacing. In general, the house shown in the photograph has an Italinete feel.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) mid 19th, renovated c. 1925
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociol/Human-
itorion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building now occupied by the First Church of Christ, Scientist was erected in the nineteenth century as a residence, given a vaguely classical renovation about 1925 when converted for a synagogue, and purchased by the present owners in 1932. A general view of Cumberland published in Art Work of Allegany County (1897) indicates that the building was probably erected in the mid-nineteenth century and was Italianate in manner. Heritage Press identifies the construction date as 1851.¹ (p.3) It was built for the Hoyer family and later occupied by the Swartzwelder family. About 1920, the George Washington Hotel Company purchased the property with intention of either converting the building for a hotel or erecting a new structure on the lot.

A tradition says that the house was built as early as 1796 by George Dent or Charles Broadhay, previous owners of the property. However, no evidence exists to support this claim. Lowdermilk in History of Cumberland refers to the residence of John Hoyer as being one of four houses on Washington Street in 1813, but it is unlikely that the Hoyer house referred to by Lowdermilk is the present Christian Science Church.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.
 Lowdermilk, Will H. History of Cumberland, Maryland, Washington, D.C.:
 James Anglim, 1878.
Art Work of Allegany County, Maryland, Chicago. Parish Publishing Company,
 1897.
Heritage Press, Vol. 1, No. 9, (July, 1972), published by the Preservation
 Society of Allegany County, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures less than one acre.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 5/12/75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐


 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

5429

(HOYE HOUSE)

AL-IV-A-017

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN Cumberland STREET NO. Washington St. ORIGINAL OWNER Land-ThosmBeall of Sam. ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER First Church of Christ PRESENT USE Religious WALL CONSTRUCTION Red Brick NO. OF STORIES		HIST C AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AL-71 2. NAME CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BLDG. (First Church of Christ, Scientist DATE OR PERIOD ca 1796 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes 1785--June 25--Lot # 66, site of Fort Cumberland, southeast corner Prospect Square, Thomas Beall of Samuel to Samuel Duvall of Frederick County, Md. 1795--Nov. 7--Samuel Duvall to George Dent of Allegany County, Lot 66 for 35 pounds, ten shillings 1796--Dec. 5--George Dent to Charles Broadhag "with all and singular Houses, out-houses, edifices, buildings, water " for 1125 pounds current money. 1805--Mar. 28--Charles Broadhag to John Hoyer--Bk. D. Folio 110 Note: Col. Francis Deakins died in 1804 and a year later it was inherited by his brother's son, John Hoyer. 1849--John Hoyer died in 1849. Left the house to his widow, Mary, who lived in the old mansion until her death in 1875. 1881--House purchased for \$6,300 by Mary C. Swartzwelder. 1882--House sold by Joseph Footer to Washington Hotel Company, which had planned to build a hotel and apartment house. 1925--Converted into Jewish Synagogue by Beth-El Congregation. The old porch was replaced with a colonial facade supported by six pillars. 1933--May, Congregation united with B'nei Chavim Congregation and sold their property to the First Church of Christ, Scientist. Workmen began the work of chipping off the gray stucco to lay bare the original brick walls of the structure. The project, which will be completed this summer, will include the cleaning and pointing up of the bricks, painting of woodwork and replacing the present wooden front steps with stone steps which match the colors of the massive sandstone used in the foundation. 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent <i>Same as AL-35 Hoyer house</i>  6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Hoyer's History Data by Gertrude Golden Smith member/First Church of Christ, Scientist 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman Maryland Historical Trust and Sec. Preservation Society DATE OF RECORD Oct. 20, 1970			

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

54

from paper "Old Washington Street" by Michael C. Sprigg
(1791-1845)

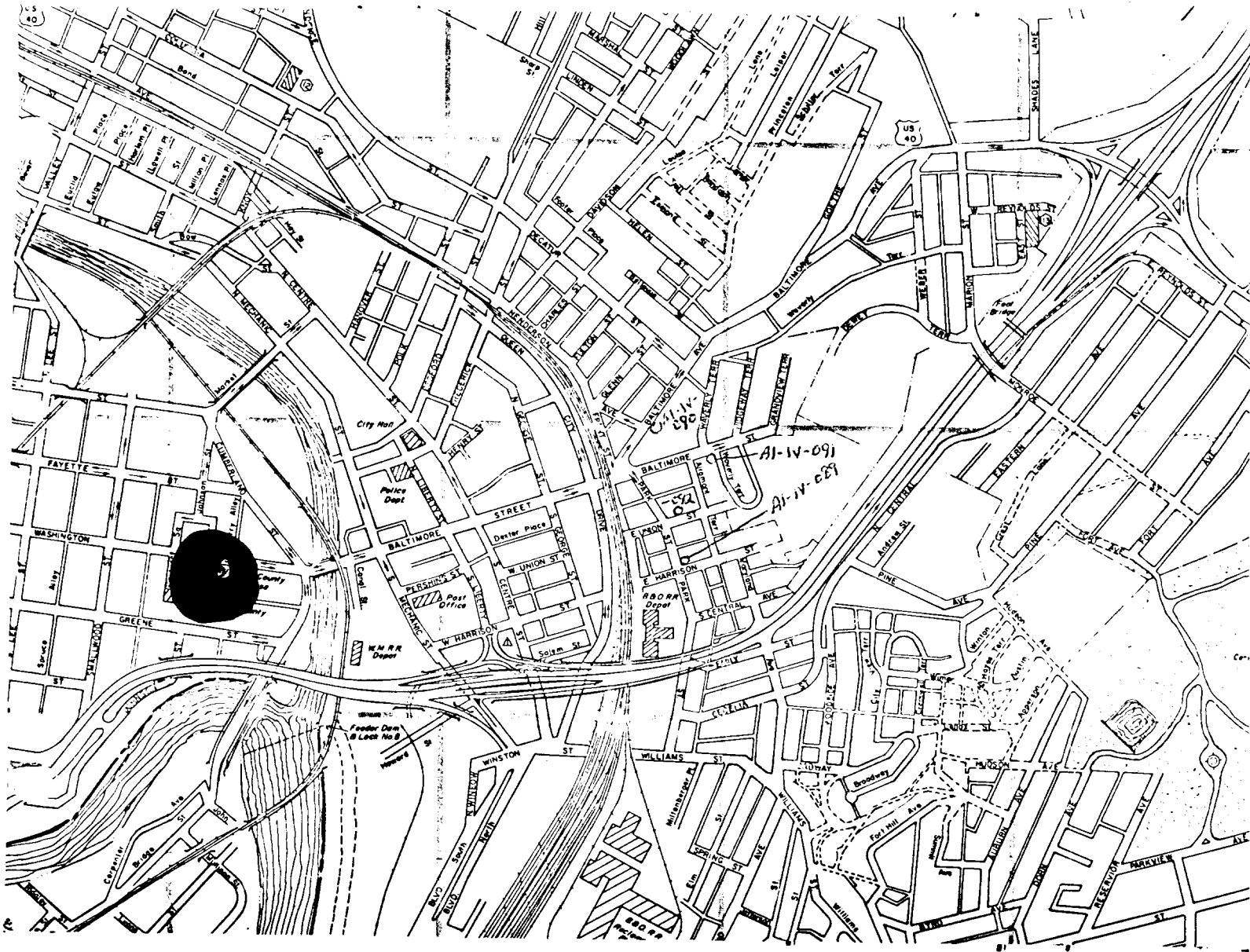
as printed in Daily Times, New York, Aug. 15, 1887

....."On the opposite side stood a large brick house with
a porch and benches on each side of the door, the dwelling of John
Hoye, esq. was built by George Dent in 1796, afterward torn down
and the present modern building erected..." (unquote)

as typed by Hazel Groves Hansrote, Oct. 1970.

Note: This could account for the item in Lowdermilk of 1813.--H.G.H.

AL-IV-A-017



Site No.: A1-IV-017
 First Church of Christ, Scientist
 Hoyer House
 28 Washington Street

Map of City of Cumberland,
Allegany Co., Maryland
 Charles R. Nuzum, City Engineer
 revised 1971
 scale:





First Church of Christ, Scientist
Hoye House
28 Washington St.
Allegheny Co., Md SE view
February, 1974

SE

AS-1V-017



First Church of Christ, Scientist
Hoye House
28 Washington St.
Allegany Co., Md. NW view
February, 1974

NW

RONALD L. ANDREWS



AL-1U A-017

AL-1U A-017